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HEAVY LAURELS FOR LOCAL THESPIANS

FINE PRODUCTION OF "MISS BOB WHITE"

Home Talent Cast Presents Well-known Comic Opera Two Nights to Packed House—Artistic and Financial Success.

The celebrated musical comedy, "Miss Bob White," was presented at the Princess theater on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, entirely by home talent, under the direction of Miss Marie Reiger of the John B. Rogers Production Co.

It is no exaggeration of fact to state that, from every view point, so far as the production itself is concerned, the work of Medina's talent was simply remarkable.

The stage of the Princess theater is decidedly inadequate to accommodate so large a cast as took part in the performance, but the handicap was overcome by the local players, who met the conditions with all the air and carriage of seasoned thespians.

Both performances were greeted by a full house, and the generous applause accorded the players from first to last attested the excellence of their work.

Space will not permit a personal mention of each one who took part in the production, and indeed it would be difficult to accord comparative praise. Those who assayed the leading roles, however, may appropriately be singled out for special notice.

For instance, the stellar role of "Miss Bob White," taken by Miss Dorothy Leach. The part affords many opportunities for effective acting and singing, and it is due Miss Leach to state that she performed her work with astonishing fidelity and finesse.

The same may be said of J. E. Thatcher and Louis Best, as the two millionaire hoboes, Harold Zeigler, as Lord Bashful; S. M. Brainard, as "duke of high titles," and Miss Phyllis Officer, as "Golden Rod," the Quaker girl.

Each and every character had his or her music and lines learned to a nicety, and the delivery of both was full of action.

The piano arrangement of the score was played by Mr. Frank Hobart with firmness, assurance and a very creditable regard for the exigencies of the varying stage work.

That Miss Reiger was able to stage this production so well in the brief period of two weeks, reflects no less credit upon her ability as a director and musician, than upon the exceptional ability of the talent with which she had to deal.

In a statement made to the Sentinel by Miss Reiger she stated that in no other village where she has produced "Miss Bob White" has she found the amount and quality of talent she encountered in Medina.

The financial result of the production had not been accurately determined as the Sentinel went to press Thursday afternoon, but it was the opinion of those engaged in figuring up that the net share to be applied to the Community Building fund would be about \$175. Six hundred admission tickets were sold for the two productions at one dollar each. The producing company that put on the show is to receive 50 per cent. of the net receipts.

BAD ROAD STRIP TO BE IMPROVED IN SPRING

A road improvement is scheduled to be begun at the earliest period in the spring that weather conditions will permit, the news of which should be welcome to the vast number of people who are compelled to traverse the road daily throughout the year. It is that part of Inter-county Highway No. 25, between the points two miles north and one, and one-half miles south of Seville village, or the road better known as the Cleveland and Wooster Pike.

The estimated cost of the improvement is \$162,000, half of which amount \$81,000, is borne by the state. The final action necessary to proceeding with the work was taken Monday morning, when the trustees of Westfield and Guilford townships appeared at the office of the County Commissioners and signed consent of those two townships to bear their respective shares of the road improvement cost.

FIRST CONCERT TUESDAY

The first of a series of concerts to be given by the Community orchestra, will be held next Tuesday evening, Jan. 18, at the Methodist church, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The orchestra has recently been augmented by a French horn player, Mr. Ford Case, and a cellist, Mr. Harry Lincoln. A high class program is promised for the initial concert. The net proceeds of these concerts are to be devoted to the Community Building fund. Tickets are on sale at Brainerd's jewelry store and at Simmerman and Bachtle's.

Mr. Sadler, superintendent of Sharon school, gave a short talk on Colorado in comparison with Ohio, as to scenic beauty and grandeur as well as of schools and public institutions.

Music was furnished by male octet, and a reading by June Ross.

Officers elected were: President, Clyde Copley; vice president, R. D. Wall; secretary, A. B. Ruckel.

GRAND JURY OUT NEARLY THREE DAYS

Returns 22 True Bills, Makes Public Only Twelve

It has been a long time since a Medina county grand jury as required as much time to consider a list of criminal presentments as was consumed by the one drawn for the January term of court and which went into session on Monday.

The jury was out until Wednesday in considering 24 cases, involving the examination of 40 witnesses. Of the cases considered, 22 true bills were returned, 2 cases ignored, and 10 indictments were not made public.

Those against whom true bills were returned and made public are:

Louis Solomon, carrying concealed weapon.

Lee Buck, forgery.

Joe Thomas, carrying concealed weapons.

John Kallen, carrying concealed weapons and burglary and larceny.

Nick Causman, carrying concealed weapons and burglary and larceny.

Ernest Wilkey, grand larceny.

Adolph Knoll, receiving and selling stolen property.

Gus Smallwood, cutting with intent to wound.

Joe Smith, carrying concealed weapons and burglary and larceny.

Solomon's trouble was the result of the accidental shooting of Mrs. Geo. Felton of Medina on Dec. 26 through careless handling of the gun.

Buck is alleged to have forged the name of Bert Baird of Wadsworth to a check for \$25.

Thomas was arrested in Wadsworth on Jan. 8, while in the act of using a revolver menacingly.

Kallen, Causman and Smith are charged with having robbed a store in Wadsworth, later being arrested while carrying guns.

Knoll is alleged to have received and disposed of illegally a consignment of poultry said to have been stolen from a W. and L. E. freight car at Lodi.

Wilkey's trouble is the result of charges brought against him by Budd Sanford of Brunswick.

Smallwood is alleged to have cut Peter Anderson as the result of a church row in Medina on Dec. 8. Both men are colored.

WADSWORTH PRODUCES ANOTHER GUN CASE

Too Much Jamaica Ginger Gets Man in Serious Trouble

Joe Thomas of Wadsworth was arrested by Marshal Tom Lucas of that city on Sunday night on a double charge of carrying concealed weapons and pointing the arms. Thomas was brought to the jail Monday morning to await the action of the grand jury, to which he had been bound over by Mayor Boyer of Wadsworth, and which was in session on Monday.

According to Marshal Lucas, Thomas was humped up against the law when, after imprecating his system with Jamaica ginger, he engaged in a fight with one Joe West, later seeking West on streets and in stores, while brandishing a gun and threatening to kill West on sight.

Meanwhile West was discovered by Marshal Lucas in a maudlin condition from an over-indulgence in the ginger decoction. He was taken before Mayor Boyer, and the case disposed of by the imposition of a fine of \$50 and costs.

A sequel to these two cases was the arrest of Geo. Lungui, Wadsworth restaurateur, upon the testimony of Joe West, that Lungui had sold him the gin's place of business disclosed 150 bottles of the treacherous fluid. Before Mayor Boyer Lungui pleaded guilty and was fined \$500 and costs. It was Lungui's second offense.

MANY-MEDINANS TO ATTEND FARMERS WEEK

Great Winter Round-up Scheduled for Jan. 31 to Feb. 4

The Medina County Farm Bureau will send one representative from each township to the annual Farm Bureau meeting at Columbus, which will be held in connection with Farmers' Week, Jan. 31 to Feb. 4.

The railroad fare for these representatives will be borne by the Farm Bureau. In addition a lady will be sent to attend the Women's Club meetings.

The following organizations have been requested to send representatives: Jersey Cattle club; Holstein Cattle club; Holstein association; Poultry association; Sheep and Wool Growers association; Rural Life Conference and Milk Producers association.

A. S. Canfield will represent the Medina Wool Growers and J. C. Indoe the Milk Producers.

ANNUAL BANK MEETINGS

The Old Phoenix National Bank and The Medina County National Bank held their annual meetings on Tuesday of this week. The Savings Deposit Bank Co. held their meeting Thursday afternoon, too late for the Sentinel to publish the result this week. No change was made in the official personnel of the Old Phoenix bank. At the Medina County National, however, Chas. Frank was elected president to succeed W. Walbro, who had held the position for many years. Mr. Alfio will serve as chairman of the board of directors. No other changes were made in the official family of this institution.

COUNTY WITHOUT HEALTH OFFICER

RESIGNATION OF BRINTNALL ACCEPTED

Committee to Appeal to State Department for Trained Officer to Employ Full Time Here—Bigger Budget This Year.

An important meeting of the County Health Board was held at the court house last Friday afternoon, called by the president, Dr. G. J. Johnson of Wadsworth. The other members of the board are C. C. Cheeny of Lakota, Dr. Whitteaker of Lodi, P. O. Shank of Litchfield, and Mrs. J. D. Danley of Medina.

At the beginning of the meeting County Health Officer Dr. Roy Brintnall announced that he could no longer serve in that capacity, as he had accepted another position.

This position, Dr. Brintnall stated, is assistant director of health of Lake Division of Red Cross, his territory being the states of Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana, and he was to report for duty on Monday of this week, he said.

The county health budget for 1921 is appreciably in excess of the budget for last year. Because of this and in connection with the relinquishment of the office of health officer by Dr. Brintnall, a suggestion was offered that appealed to the county board, and which it is understood they have decided to undertake.

It is to acquaint Dr. Freeman of the State Health Board with the conditions here, and to have him, if possible, locate some young man who has been trained in health work to come to Medina and devote his entire time to the county health work here.

The total budget for health work in Medina county for the coming year amounts to \$6400, apportioned as follows: \$3000 salary for officers; \$1000 for general expenses of officer, and \$2400 for salary of county nurse.

The annual salary of Dr. Brintnall was \$2000, half of which amount was borne by the state.

It was the purpose to communicate with State Health Officer Freeman at once, but it is believed by the county board that it will doubtless be some time before a man can be secured thru the state department who will measure up to the local requirements, or if found, will be willing to come to Medina and devote all his time to the work, for the amount of money for salary available.

FIRST MEETING OF COUNCIL IN NEW YEAR

Transacts Considerable Business and Has More in Tow

The regular monthly meeting of the village council was held Tuesday night, it also being the first meeting of the new year. A number of matters were taken up, as follows:

Manager Kelley of the Ohio Gas & Fuel Co., asked council to authorize the laying of a temporary sidewalk, either sawdust or cinders, in front of his residence on North Broadway extension. The request was turned over to the street and sidewalk committee.

Sgt. Albert Fretter of the water works filed a report recommending the acceptance of the offer of Louis Silagi to furnish tile providing the village would supply the labor for diverting the surplus flow of the north sewage disposal plant from the Silage property, the estimated cost of which is \$500 to the village.

E. H. Gibbs, treasurer of the Spring Grove cemetery association, filed his annual report, which was accepted. The report showed a balance in the treasury of \$7,000, a gain of \$500 over last year. The solicitor was directed to prepare an ordinance to increase the salary of the treasurer to \$75 a year, and each of the trustees to \$25. Originally they received respectively \$25 and \$10. The increase was made by council some time ago, but a state inspector advised council that such action was illegal except by special ordinance.

Council passed its regular appropriation ordinance.

F. L. Harding was reappointed sanitary policeman for the village.

Councilman R. J. Hyde presented a request that council extend fire protection service to the corporation limits of the village, so as to include the buildings of the Akron-Universal Tire & Rubber Co., now in course of construction. The matter was turned over to Councilmen Hyde, Thatcher, and Bagley, who are to ascertain the approximate cost of extending both fire protection and water service to the village limits.

Mayor Hartzog reappointed the various council committees of last year, with the following exceptions: Former councilman G. A. Bell, who resigned some time ago, was replaced by R. J. Hyde, and the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles Miller, was filled by J. E. Thatcher.

DEATH SUMMONS A NOBLE WOMAN

ON ANNIVERSARY OF WEDDING DAY

Mrs. J. A. Koons Passes Away Following Protracted Illness—Had Spent Nearly All of Her Life in Medina County.

On Thursday of last week, at even-tide of the thirty-eighth anniversary of her wedding, Mrs. Alice Myers Koons, wife of ex-County Clerk, J. A. Koons, passed from this life, following a prolonged period of failing health, at the age of 61 years, 7 months and 16 days.

The deceased was the daughter of David J. and Sarah Myers, and was born near Ashland, O., May 20, 1859.

When about six years of age she moved with her parents to Homer township; this county, where her girlhood was spent. At the age of nineteen she had to assume the duties of a mother to her younger brothers and little four-year-old sister. On January 6, 1883, she was united in holy wedlock to Jerry A. Koons of Homer. To this union were born four children, three sons and one daughter: J. Blake of Springfield, Walter R. and Fred D. of Medina, and Ouida Gilmore of Chesterland.

The last fifteen years of her life were spent in Medina, where she made many warm friends.

At an early age she accepted Christ as her Saviour and united with the Brethren church at Homer, afterward changing membership to the Congregational church at Medina.

Mrs. Koons was a true Christian woman, and thruout her illness was wholly resigned to the divine will. She leaves her husband, four children, three grandchildren, three brothers, H. M. Myers of Lodi; Charles E. Myers of Davenport, Washington; H. A. P. Myers of Seattle, Washington, and a half brother, Ralph W. Myers of Spencer.

Funeral services were conducted from the home, 215 North Broadway, Monday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock, by Reverend William F. Drew of the Congregational church. Interment was made in Spring Grove cemetery.

Those in attendance at the funeral from out of town were: Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Gilmore of Chesterland, O.; J. B. Koons of Springfield, Mo. and Mrs. M. M. Myers and Robert Plank of Lodi, Mo. and Mrs. Ralph W. Myers of Spencer, Mo. Ed Palmer and Mrs. D. R. Buffenmeyer of New London, Mo. and Mrs. Wm. Myers, Mrs. Wm. Dessenburg and son Ed., Mrs. Zetta Shelly, Wm. Shidler and daughter, Mrs. Glenn Helbert and Mr. Vinton Rudy of Ashland, Mrs. Ida Garber of Orrville, Mo. Sam Garver and Mrs. Shannon Hart of Wooster, Mo. and Mrs. Elam Kreider of Acme, Mo. and Mrs. Jason Campbell of Nankin, Mo. Geo. Myers of Polk, Mo. Chas. Davis of Red Haw, Mo. Messrs. Harold and Robert Tubbs of Cleveland, Mrs. Daniel Johnson of Sterling, Mo. Howard Slemmons of Creston and Mrs. Rebekah Schlechty of Union City, Ind.

FARM BUREAU HOLDS IMPORTANT MEETING

Membership Campaign Planned to Begin This Week

The first meeting of the Board of Directors of the County Farm Bureau was held on Monday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m. All members were present except S. B. Stoddard of Medina, who is on a Farm Bureau campaign in the southern part of the state.

Mr. Early was appointed secretary of the board.

A clean up campaign of memberships was discussed and committees in each township were named to have charge of the work. Jan. 15 was selected for the work to begin.

It was the unanimous decision of the board that each township have a representative at the annual Farm Bureau meeting at Columbus, on Feb. 1, 2, and 3.

A committee to draft a uniform constitution and by-laws for the township was named and reappraisal of real estate was discussed. Commissioner Leach addressed the board on the proposed method of reappraisal.

S. B. Stoddard was delegated to appear before the tax commission in Columbus during the week of Jan. 17 and present the case of Medina county farmers.

Each county director presented a written statement as to the taxation conditions in his township. These will be turned over to Mr. Stoddard for action.

Mr. Stoddard will also present to the Federation the stand of the Medina county Farm Bureau on the Police Bill.

The officers of Medina County Farm Bureau for the year 1921 are: President, Paul P. Elliott, Westfield; Vice Pres., Ed. W. Nettleton, Medina; Secretary, R. E. Lance, York; Treasurer, C. B. Abbott, Montville.

Executive Committee: S. B. Stoddard, Medina; Ralph Strong, Brunswick; R. D. Wall, Sharon; A. J. Rice, Spencer; Fred Eastman, Westfield.

Board of Directors: Edw. Krause, Liverpool; Ralph Strong, Brunswick; E. Janoch, Hinkley; S. B. Stoddard, Medina; J. C. Indoe, Granger; C. O. Morris, Wadsworth; C. E. Long, Guilford; Albert Rex, Medina; Chas. Nettleton, York; J. E. Gault, Lafayette; Fred Eastman, Westfield; Clyde Briggs, Harrisville; A. J. Rice, Spencer; Chem Rice, Chatham; R. D. Wall, Sharon; Mott Starr, Litchfield.

\$100,000 CHECK THEY DIDN'T KNOW WAS THEIRS

Government Discovers Railroad Entitled to That Sum

It was learned here this week that officials of the A. C. & Y. railway company recently received a check for \$100,000 from the U. S. Government that came as a complete surprise, the company, it is said, being ignorant of the fact that any money was due them from that source.

The money, the report stated, represented a per diem differential covering a period of about three years, or during the time that the railroads of the country were under government control.

Railroad companies pay each other a fixed sum per day for the use of each other's cars. At the time the government assumed control of the railroads, the A. C. & Y. was paying a per diem fee of 90 cents per car. Other roads, or some at least, it appears, were paying only 40 cents.

In taking over the roads of the country the government, it seems, established a uniform per diem rate of 40 cents. Meanwhile the A. C. & Y. continued to pay the 90 cents per diem to the other companies.

It is related that when the government checked up the roads following the return of them to the respective companies, the discovery was made that the A. C. & Y. had been paying all this time 50 cents per car per diem more than they were required to do.

A somewhat peculiar phase of the matter is that the vast sum just returned to the A. C. & Y. was for cars running over only six or seven miles of track, or the distance between Akron and Mogadore.

This trip was made use of daily by the big rubber industries of Akron, as well as other large manufacturing concerns, and the traffic embraced rolling stock from more or less of all the leading railroad lines in the country.

The A. C. & Y., which now controls the old Northern Ohio, running through Medina from Akron to Delphos, is planning extensive improvements the entire length of the line this year, as stated in the Sentinel last week. Whether the unexpected windfall from the government had anything to do with the company's plan for the rehabilitation of its line could not be learned.

DWELLING ON FOUNDRY STREET GUTTED BY FIRE

Entire Contents Consumed, Including \$600 in Money

One of the numerous dwellings belonging to the Henry Miller Foundry Co. on Foundry street, and occupied by Joe Lewis, wife and three children, a colored family, was nearly destroyed by fire last Friday morning about 10:30 o'clock.

According to Mrs. Lewis, the fire started in the front part of the house, presumably from the heating stove, although of this she is not certain. She was preparing dinner in the kitchen at the time and the door between the two rooms was closed. When she opened the door the inside of the room was in flames.

There was no water at hand with which to combat the fire and before the arrival of the fire department, the building, a small frame one, was well-nigh destroyed.

The contents, which included a new and expensive talking machine, \$600 in money, and all the clothing of the family except what they were wearing, and upon which there was no insurance, was entirely consumed.

Lewis is employed as a molder at the foundry.

FOUR NABBED FOR GAME LAW VIOLATION

Prosecuting Attorney Jos. A. Seymour received a letter from the State Game Warden on Saturday, together with affidavits, directing him to represent the state in cases against the following men, charged with violating the state game and fish laws: Harry McCune, Roman R. Hacha, Wm. F. Jandos and Jos. A. Cuh, all of Cleveland. Hearing of the cases is set for Jan. 19.

The violation is alleged to have taken place on the farm of A. Hewitt in Guilford township, on Jan. 1, when the men were apprehended by Game Warden C. E. Burkholder of Seville. The men are said to have been hunting in rabbits without a license. The affidavits were made out by Justice of the Peace W. L. Crawford of Guilford township, before whom the cases will be heard.

The minimum penalty in such cases is \$25 and costs.

SECOND ROUND WON BY FARMERS' TELEPHONE CO.

The State Public Utilities Commission has denied the application of the Star Telephone Co. of Wadsworth for a rehearing in the telephone controversy between that company and the Medina County Farmers' Telephone Co., relating to free service between Wadsworth and River Styx exchanges.

By a decision rendered Dec. 2, the Commission held in favor of the Farmers' Company, granting free service to the subscribers of both lines between two exchanges, and the Star Company thereupon filed a motion for rehearing before the Commission. This motion has now been denied by a decision rendered Dec. 29.

Whether or not an appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court by the Star Telephone Co. is not known at this time.

EVERYTHING SET FOR THRIFT WEEK

PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY MAYOR HARTZOG

Special Thrift Ideals Will be Emphasized in Schools and Churches, and by Various Organizations and Business Men.

Plans for the observance of Thrift Week in Medina county, which begins next Monday, Jan. 17, are perfected, say members of the county committee, and the result of which it is believed will instill into many minds the need and disposition for a more judicious saving and spending of money.

Special thrift ideals and methods have been emphasized through the schools, churches, organization meetings, etc., and business men have been disposed to stress the value of thrift to those close to their business interests.

The Thrift Message emphasizes ten points, commonly called the Ten Commandments of Thrift. They are as follows:

- (1) Work and Earn; (2) Make a Budget; (3) Record Expenditures; (4) Have a Bank Account; (5) Carry Life Insurance; (6) Own Your Own Home; (7) Make a Will; (8) Invest in Reliable Securities; (9) Pay Your Bills Promptly; (10) Share with Others.

While the emphasis is laid upon Thrift, especially during the National Week, January 17-24, the principles need to be carried thruout the year.

Mayor H. H. Hertzog of Medina has issued the following proclamation for Thrift Week:

To the People of the Village of Medina, Ohio:

Whereas, The United States Government, the American Bankers' association, the United States League of Building and Loan associations, the National Federation of Construction Industries, the General Federation of Women's clubs and many other associations of note are cooperating with the Young Men's Christian Association in promoting a National Thrift Week, beginning January 17, 1921, for the purpose of teaching young men and boys to think straight with reference to their money matters in the realms of earning, spending, saving, investing and giving, and

Whereas, It is intended to emphasize during this week, bank service, life insurance, home ownership, making a will, thrift in industry, the family budget, prompt payment of bills, and sharing with others, as one of the economic doctrines which need to be taught to help in the development of their characters, and

Whereas, our government has appealed to loyal people to help reestablish normal economic conditions at the earliest possible moment by the wide practice of a broad conception of thrift, making it a patriotic duty for every good citizen to practice economy;

Therefore, I, H. H. Hertzog, Mayor of Medina village, being firmly convinced that the National Thrift Week program as it is planned is a movement worthy of the support of every citizen of our village, appeal to all citizens and residents of the village, by cooperating in every way possible to make the observance of this important occasion a success.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the village of Medina to be affixed.

Done in the village of Medina, Ohio, this, the 7th day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

H. H. HARTZOG, Mayor.

ELYRIA'S MAYOR SPEAKS

Kiwanis club members listened to an eloquent address by Mayor Asaph R. Jones of Elyria at their luncheon last Friday. Mayor Jones dealt with the amazing crime situation now prevailing in the larger cities, stating that children oftentimes start upon a downward career through a selfish disregard by their elders during the impressionable years.

It is the opinion of Mayor Jones that the brotherhood spirit of Kiwanis is already being felt through the nation, and that the unselfish ideals of the great international movement are raising the standard of the individual manhood of its members, whereby each is coming to have a more generous feeling toward his fellows, and an acceptance of the doctrine that "I am my brother's keeper."

Mayor Jones was accompanied to Medina by Mr. C. J. Sarter. Both gentlemen are members of the Elyria Kiwanis club. Elyria's mayor is a speaker of exceptional force and ability.

E. R. R. BEE STORY

Last Sunday's Plain Dealer contained an illustrated article on E. R. Root of Medina and the bee industry, under the caption, "Why He Doesn't Get Stung." Most of the facts noted in the article are familiar to Medina city people, with the exception of one, perhaps, which relates of a hair-raising stunt pulled off by Mr. Root near Pasadena, Cal. For the delight and benefit of a movie cameraman, Mr. Root ascended a 1000 foot cliff at the top of which were holes filled with wild bees and honey. While the movie man was turning the crank, Mr. Root poked his bare hands into the holes and scooped out the honey, without any evil effects from the bees.